

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims ~~12~~ and ~~15~~ without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims.

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~~13~~. (AMENDED) The extrusion according to claim [12] ~~16~~, wherein the at least [one] first element [of the tongue and groove arrangement] of the flexible section includes a tongue element, and the at least [one] second element [of the tongue and groove arrangement] of the substantially rigid section includes a groove element.

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~~14~~. (AMENDED) The extrusion according to claim [12] ~~16~~, wherein the at least [one] second element [of the tongue and groove arrangement] of the substantially rigid section includes a tongue element, and the at least [one] first element [of the tongue and groove arrangement] of the flexible section includes a groove element.

Please add the following new claim:

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~~16~~. (NEW) An extrusion comprising a coextruded member having a flexible section of thermoplastic rubber and a substantially rigid section of thermoplastic, the flexible section including at least a first element of a tongue and groove arrangement, the substantially rigid section of thermoplastic including at least a second element of the tongue and groove arrangement which is complimentary to and mates with the first element, the elements of the tongue and groove arrangement defining a bonded juncture having surfaces which are melted together during coextrusion of the flexible and

substantially rigid sections.

~~17~~ (NEW) The extrusion according to claim ~~16~~, further comprising at least a second substantially rigid section of thermoplastic, the flexible section of thermoplastic rubber^Λ further including at least a first element of a second tongue and groove arrangement, the second substantially rigid section of thermoplastic^Λ further including at least a second element of the second tongue and groove arrangement which is complimentary to and mates with the^Λ first element of the second tongue and groove arrangement, the^Λ elements of the second tongue and groove arrangement defining a second bonded juncture having surfaces which are melted together during coextrusion of the flexible and substantially rigid sections.

Please amend the following claims:

In claims 5, 7, and 9, line 1, change "15" to -- 16 -- .

Further in claim 9, line 1, change "extends" to -- extend -- .

REMARKS

Claims 5-9 and 12-15 are pending and stand rejected. Claims 5, 7, 9, 13, and 14 have been amended herein, claims 12 and 15 have been canceled herein, and claims 16 and 17 have been added herein.